Dear Mr. Davey,  
 It has come to the attention of Malden High School students that the bus fares are rising. Say a student rides the T to and from school five days a week, for a whole school year; and with the rise in the fairs for the T, the price would go up by $54 annually-- how can he/she afford it? There are going to be many students asking themselves this question if something is not changed soon! Before Malden High School students started working on this project, the answer was fuzzy, but is now coming into perspective. However, we need your help to get this plan into action and here’s how you can! We want the T to continue existing for many years to come, and we are willing to do anything to make that happen! If you will allow students to volunteer and clean up the buses as well as the T stations, you may be able to help us.  
 The problem is clear, the rising bus fares. With the increased fare prices, students of ages 15-17 may have to start working in order to pay for those fares. Students who can’t find work or don’t have time to work may be late for school, may have to wake up *earlier* than they already do now to walk to school, or not go to school at all because they can’t take the bus. We risk students’ safety by having to walk home to and from school as well as their health if they are waking up earlier than they already do and working to have enough money to take the bus. More students will not be showing up to school on time (or at all) and then more students will be overly stressed because they have to juggle homework, after-school activities (If they have any), and their job. There’s also the problem with improving the service on the MBTA. People are always complaining about the poor treatment they get when on the T or the conditions of the bus/train. We can try to fix these two problems once and for all if we work hard to achieve our goal!  
 We can go about fixing this by volunteering to help with the cleaning of the buses, and helping the staff to show people how to use their Charliecard. Also, we can help the bus drivers to be more patient with the passengers (such as teens) by being more respectful and saying thank you to the drivers and not being so loud on the buses. In return for this service, we propose that we get some kind of reduction on the prices of student fairs. In groups we would go to the stations/on the buses for about an hour once a week (of course supervised by a teacher) to help with this.  
 We, the class of Mr. Hurley’s Period 6 in Malden High, are willing to form those volunteer groups. For our Generation Citizen Project we have worked to try to improve the T so that it will still be running even after we are seniors in Malden High! If it can help the T save money and reduce the cost of the T for students/kids/whoever we’re helping, then our class is willing to do it. Now, forming these groups to go and clean up trash once every week for an hour may not seem like much. However, if our class can get other people to notice and help out too, then we can probably get the whole state of Massachusetts to start these volunteer groups and then *that’s* when the T starts saving money from not having to pay people to clean up the buses. The motto here is that if one person starts, soon many will follow. If our groups also help out the train workers by teaching people how to use the Charlie Card system, we can reduce the workload on the employees and improve their jobs just a tiny bit, thus improving the way they view teens as well.  
 Thank you Mr. Davey for taking the time to read our letter, and thank you in advance for considering the ideas within it. We are confident that we can make a difference in the T with your help!  
 Sincerely,   
 Period 6 Freshman class of Malden High School